Those areas, which were thus left without any communications whatsoever, approached the Post, Telegram and Telephone Administration of the Republic of Serbia (JP PTT "Srbija"), and asked that telephone links be re-established wherever technically possible. Those links became the only possibility for telephone communication between Krajina and foreign countries and vice versa, about which all PTT administrations were duly informed.

The attitude and conduct of the Croatian Post and Telecommunications Administration (HPT) and Croatia, regarding telecommunication services with the users in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as well as international transit communications, have been highly inappropriate from the very beginning of the war activities in Slovenia and Croatia, in particular. During the hostilities in Slovenia, HPT refused to cooperate with ZJPTT and constantly avoided acting according to the instructions of ZJPTT on the need to establish the broken links through reserve facilities or otherwise. Finally, in September 1991, HPT disconnected all its systems towards Serbia and later the international transit telecommunication links connecting eastern European and Middle Eastern countries with the countries of western and northern Europe.

ITU has been informed that HPT deliberately disconnected telephone and telegraph communications. All attempts of ZJPTT to re-establish telecommunication links via operable capacities have been to no avail. In that regard, great efforts were invested by the European Community Observer Mission so that the links be re-established. There were three meetings between HPT and ZJPTT. Nevertheless, without any prior notice HPT has chosen not to fulfil the agreements reached at those meetings.

The letter of the Croatian representative contains contradictions. Namely, HPT has claimed so far that all telecommunications in its territory have been destroyed (although that was not true). Now, HPT claims that the links can be established in 72 hours. It can probably be done in those sections where the links have been disconnected. The question is whether the Croatian authorities truly want to do so. Even if HPT established those links, the question would still remain how those links would function in the future and whether the telecommunication links of Krajina with the outside world would depend on the will and discretion of the Croatian authorities.

It should be emphasized that the telecommunication services have not been covered by the Security Council resolutions by which sanctions have been imposed against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Moreover, all due payments are effected in compliance with the position of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 724 (1991) contained in its decision No. S/AC.27/1992/OC.867 of 28 September 1992.

ZJPTT's aforementioned activities were directed only to enabling the normal functioning of telecommunication links between Krajina and the outside world. The allegation that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia thus threatens the territorial integrity of the Republic of Croatia is therefore absolutely baseless and unsound. The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia strongly rejects the insinuation from the letter on "the illegal Serbian insurgent regime on the territory of Croatia", since it is well-known that the Serbs have lived in those areas for centuries and that, due to the unfair and

illegitimate policy of Croatia towards the Serbs, as a constituent nation, they have now been forced to fight for their right to normal life in their own territory.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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